

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 112**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Hadley**

January 7, 2016

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 112—Relative to the State Air Resources Board.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 112, as introduced, Hadley. State Air Resources Board.

This measure would thank the State Air Resources Board for its exemplary work and tenacity in uncovering the emissions control defeat devices on certain diesel-fueled Volkswagen motor vehicles.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The Legislature established the State Air Resources  
2 Board in 1967 to attain and maintain healthy air quality; and  
3 WHEREAS, A May 2014 study by researchers at West Virginia  
4 University, done in collaboration with the International Council  
5 on Clean Transportation, discovered that two Volkswagen  
6 diesel-fueled motor vehicles emitted significantly higher levels of  
7 nitrogen oxides in onroad tests than in standard emissions tests;  
8 and  
9 WHEREAS, Nitrogen oxide emissions have been linked to smog  
10 and acid rain; and  
11 WHEREAS, The concerns raised by the study prompted the  
12 State Air Resources Board to open an investigation and discussions  
13 with Volkswagen Group of America (Volkswagen) in 2014; and  
14 WHEREAS, In December 2014, Volkswagen issued a voluntary  
15 recall in the United States of all of its diesel-fueled motor vehicles

1 from model years 2009 to 2014 after conducting its own tests and  
2 identifying a recalibration fix; and

3 WHEREAS, The State Air Resources Board, in cooperation  
4 with the United States Environmental Protection Agency, said it  
5 wanted to do confirmatory tests of the tests Volkswagen ran in  
6 2014, and the State Air Resources Board did so in May 2015; and

7 WHEREAS, The State Air Resources Board notified  
8 Volkswagen in July 2015 that the test vehicles, despite having  
9 completed the recalibration fix under the voluntary recall, still  
10 showed emissions that exceeded state and federal limits, and the  
11 State Air Resources Board deemed the initial recall ineffective;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, In September 2015, the United States  
14 Environmental Protection Agency and the State Air Resources  
15 Board demanded an explanation from Volkswagen and were  
16 prepared to withhold certification that Volkswagen's 2016  
17 diesel-fueled motor vehicles complied with applicable emissions  
18 standards; and

19 WHEREAS, Volkswagen admitted defeat devices were installed  
20 on the emissions control equipment on certain Volkswagen  
21 diesel-fueled motor vehicles; now, therefore, be it

22 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
23 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature acknowledges and praises  
24 the State Air Resources Board for its unwavering diligence and  
25 dedication to preserving the air quality in the state and its exposure  
26 of Volkswagen's circumvention of emissions standards on certain  
27 diesel-fueled motor vehicles; and be it further

28 *Resolved*, That the Legislature thanks the State Air Resources  
29 Board for its exemplary work and tenacity in uncovering  
30 Volkswagen's emissions control defeat devices; and be it further

31 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit  
32 sufficient copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate  
33 distribution.